



REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-10 are allowed, and claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The specific grounds for rejection are set out in detail below.

II. Objection to Specification

Applicants have provided the requested amendment to the specification, thereby obviating the objection.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 11-15, drawn to methods of preventing heart failure, are said to lack enablement as preventing disease is tantamount to curing disease. Applicants traverse, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution, these claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to filing of one or more continuing applications to pursue this subject matter.

In light of the cancellation of these claims, it is believed that the rejection is overcome.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicants submit that all claims are in condition for an allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner have any questions regarding the content of this response, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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